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WELLESLEY COLLEGE is established for the purpose of giving to young women opportunities for education, equivalent to those usually provided in colleges for young men. It will be Christian in its influence, discipline, and Course of Instruction.

The Board of Trustees have decided that for the present there shall be a Preparatory and a Collegiate Department, and have established the following courses of study.

The Preparatory Department is designed to fit students for the General College Course, and it should not be undervalued because there is a higher in the same Institution. It offers a thorough and varied course of study, a high standard of culture, and all the general privileges of the College.

Preparatory Department.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

Candidates must be at least fifteen years of age. They must pass satisfactory examinations in Reading, Writing, Spelling, English Grammar, Modern Geography, Arithmetic, History of the United States, Latin Grammar and Latin Reader.

Candidates of an age not less than sixteen years who have not studied Latin, will be accepted if in lieu of Latin they pass satisfactory examinations in the elements of Algebra, and have a thorough knowledge of either French or German.

In 1878 candidates must be examined in the Latin Grammar and Latin Reader, and two books of Cæsar, and in 1879 in four books of Cæsar.

COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST YEAR.

Latin. — Latin Grammar; Latin Prose Composition; Cæsar, four Books; Cicero, two Orations.

Mathematics. — Elementary Algebra.

German or French; Geography of the Roman Empire, and Outlines of History to the Augustan age; English Language, Literature, and Composition; Elocution.

SECOND YEAR.

Latin. — Cicero, two Orations; Vergil, six Books; Latin Prose Composition.

Mathematics. — Olney's University Algebra, elementary part; Loomis' Geometry, five Books.

German or French; Guyot's Physical Geography; English Literature, and Composition; Drawing.

For the two years of this Department, an election will be allowed between the following courses of German and French:

German Course for Two Years. — Grammar; Exercises in Dictation; Translation and Pronunciation; Selections from German authors.

French Course for Two Years. — Grammar; Exercises in Dictation; Translation and Pronunciation; Selections from French authors.

The Latin studies of this department will be advanced from year to year to correspond with the increased requirements for admission to the Freshman Class.

Collegiate Department.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL COURSE.

Candidates must be at least sixteen years of age. They must pass satisfactory examinations in Modern and Physical Geography; Arithmetic; Algebra, through Involution, Evolution, Radicals and Quadratic Equations; Geometry, through five books of Loomis' Geometry or their equivalent; Latin Grammar, four books of Cæsar, four books of Vergil, and four Orations of Cicero. An equivalent amount of reading in other Latin authors will be accepted.

We advise that candidates should be prepared to pass thorough examinations in either French or German, though these are not required.

The Roman pronunciation of Latin is recommended, which gives substantially: — ā as in father; ă as in fast; e as a in fate; ĕ as in let; ī as in machine; ĭ as in divert; ō as in sole; ŏ as in wholly; ū as o in do; ŭ as in full; c and g always hard; j like y in you; t as in type; s as in sin; v like the English w. In pronouncing the dipthongs the sound of both vowels is preserved.

The study of Greek will be elective, and is not required for admission to the General Course.

We advise all candidates to be prepared in Greek Grammar, Xenophon, Anabasis, four Books; Iliad, first three Books, omitting the catalogue of ships; Greek Prose Composition, with the accents.

The following pronunciation is advised; *α* as a in father; *η* as e in prey; *ι* as in machine; *ω* as o in prone; *υ* as u in prune. The short vowels should be merely somewhat shorter than the corresponding long vowels: *αι* as ay in aye; *ει* as ei in height; *οι* as oi in oil; *υι* as ui in quit; *αυ* as ou in house; *ευ* as eu in feud; *ου* as ou in youth; *γ* before *κ*, *γ*, *χ*, as n in anger, elsewhere hard; *ϑ* as th in thin; *χ* as ch in chorus.

In 1877 the standard for entrance examinations in Latin will be raised, requiring Latin Grammar, including Prosody; four Books of Cæsar; six Books of Vergil's Æneid; four Orations of Cicero.

In 1878 candidates will be examined in Latin Grammar, including Prosody; four Books of Cæsar; six Books of Vergil's Æneid; six Orations of Cicero.

They must also pass examinations in French or German.

In 1879 they must be examined in Latin Grammar and Prosody; Sallust, Catiline or four Books of Cæsar; Vergil, six Books of the Æneid; six Orations of Cicero; Latin Prose Composition, Allen and Greenough, eighteen Lessons, or Arnold, twelve Chapters, or Harkness, Part second, through Lesson XVI.

They must also pass examinations in French or German.

No student will be obliged on account of her classification to pursue any study in which she can pass a satisfactory examination.

Those who find themselves not fully prepared to pass all the examinations, can have an opportunity to make up their deficiency in the Preparatory Department, and then enter the Freshman Class.

GENERAL COLLEGE COURSE.

Students are allowed to take only three studies per day, in any College Course.

FRESHMAN YEAR.

Latin. — Livy, 21st and 22nd Books; Cicero de Amicitia, and de Senectute; Horace, Odes; Latin Prose Composition.

Mathematics. — Olney's University Algebra; Loomis' Geometry, (*completed*); Loomis' Trigonometry.

Greek, elective. — Iliad and Odyssey, Selections; Plato, Apology; Greek Prose Composition.

German, elective. — Goethe and Schiller, Ballads; Schiller, Jungfrau von Orleans, and Grimm, Mährchen, Selections; Grammar and Exercises.

French, elective. — Grammaire Française de Boniface; Morceaux Choisis de Littérature; Dictations.

History. — Grecian and Roman History to the termination of the Western Empire; Essay writing; Elocution; Modern English Literature.

One elective study will be required during the Freshman Year.

SOPHOMORE YEAR.

Latin. — Horace, Satires and Epistles, (required); Juvenal, Selections, (elective); Latin Prose Composition.

Mathematics. — Spherical Trigonometry, (required); Analytical Geometry and Calculus, (elective.)

Greek, elective. — Herodotus and Thucydides, Selections; Æschylus, Prometheus; Greek Prose Composition.

German, elective. — Heinsius, German Grammar; Herder, Ballads; Schiller, Wallenstein and Thirty Years' War, Selections.

French, elective. — Boniface, Grammaire (*suite*); Histoire de la Littérature Française; Dictations.

Botany, (elective); General Chemistry with Laboratory Practice; Mediæval History; Essay Writing; Elocution; History of Literature, with parallel courses of reading.

One elective study will be required during the Sophomore Year.

JUNIOR YEAR.

Physics; Modern History; Essay Writing; Elocution; History of Literature; Rhetoric; Literary Criticism.

Latin, elective. — Tacitus, Selections; Quintilian; Latin Prose Composition.

Greek, elective. — Sophocles, Antigone; Demosthenes; Plato, Republic.

Mathematics, elective. — Mathematical Astronomy.

German, elective. — Uhland, Ballads; Goethe, Iphigenie auf Tauris; Schiller, Wallenstein, Part III; Dictations, Essays.

French, elective. — Littérature Française Contemporaine; Dictations.

Chemistry, elective. — Analytical Chemistry; Chemical Philosophy; Mineralogy, including use of blow-pipe, (elective); Botany, (elective); Zoölogy, (elective).

Two elective studies will be required during the Junior Year.

SENIOR YEAR.

Mental and Moral Philosophy; History of Philosophy; Modern History; Essay writing; Anglo Saxon and Early English Literature.

Latin, elective. — Cicero de Officiis; Latin Prose Composition.

Greek, elective. — Euripides, Alkestis; Æschylus, Seven against Thebes; Sophocles, Elektra; Aristotle, Ethics and Politics, Selections.

Mathematics, elective. — Astronomy.

German, elective. — Goethe, Faust; History of German Literature; Selections from Lessing, Klopstock and Körner; Selections from Das Nibelungenlied.

French, elective. — Théâtre Classique; Dictations; Essays.

Analytical Chemistry, (elective); Botany, (elective); Zoölogy, (elective); Geology — Lectures; Physics, (elective).

Two elective studies will be required during the Senior Year.

The systematic study of the Scriptures will be continued throughout the course.

COURSES FOR HONORS.

The following Courses have been established to encourage preparation in advance of the requirements for admission, to meet the wishes of those desiring to take special studies instead of the General Course, and to enable them to pursue these studies to an extent not possible in that course.

COURSE FOR HONORS IN CLASSICS.

After 1879 all students selecting this course must pass the examinations in Greek, advised in the qualifications for admission to the General College Course,

FRESHMAN YEAR.

Latin. — Ovid, Tristia; Livy, 21st and 22nd Books; Cicero de Amicitia, and de Senectute; Latin Prose Composition.

Greek. — Xenophon, Memorabilia, Book I; Odyssey, Selections; Herodotus, Selections from Books VII and VIII; Plato, Apology; Greek Prose Composition.

German. — Students will study German until they can read with facility the difficult German prose of the critical works which will be used in the last years of this course.

Mathematics. — Same as in General Course.

History, English Literature, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

SOPHOMORE YEAR.

Latin. — Horace, Satires and Epistles; Cicero, Tusculan Disputations; Juvenal, Selected Satires; Latin Prose Composition.

Greek. — Thucydides, Selections; Æschylus, Prometheus; Euripides, Alkestis; Greek Prose Composition.

Mathematics. — Students may drop this course of study after satisfactory examinations in Spherical Trigonometry.

History, English Literature, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

JUNIOR YEAR.

Latin. — Tacitus, Histories; Quintilian, Book X; Pliny, Selected Letters.

Greek. — Demosthenes, Selected Orations; Sophocles, Antigone; Plato, Republic, in Selections; Greek Prose Composition.

History, Rhetoric, English Literature. — Same as in General Course.

SENIOR YEAR.

Latin. — Cicero de Officiis; Lucretius, Selections; Cicero de Natura Deorum; Horace, Odes.

Greek. — Æschylus, Seven against Thebes; Euripides, Medea; Sophocles, Elektra; Aristotle, Selections.

Mental and Moral Philosophy, History, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

COURSE FOR HONORS IN MATHEMATICS.

Latin. — Same as in General Course, unless the student can pass examinations in this or an equivalent amount of Latin.

Mathematics. — Olney's University Algebra; Chauvenet's Geometry and Trigonometry; Lectures in Modern Geometry.

History, English Literature, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

German. — Required in this Course as in the Course for Honors in Classics, unless the Faculty allow another study to be substituted.

SOPHOMORE YEAR.

Mathematics. — Analytical Geometry; Differential and Integral Calculus; Lectures on Mechanics.

History, English Literature, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

JUNIOR YEAR.

Mathematics. — Mathematical Astronomy and practical application of Trigonometry to Astronomy and Surveying.

History, Rhetoric, English Literature. — Same as in General Course.

SENIOR YEAR.

Mathematics. — Chauvenet's Astronomy; Salmon's Conic Sections.

Mental and Moral Philosophy, History, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

COURSE FOR HONORS IN MODERN LANGUAGES.

FRESHMAN YEAR.

Latin. — Same as in General Course, unless the students can pass examinations in this or an equivalent amount of Latin.

German. — Schiller, Jungfrau von Orleans, Wilhelm Tell, (selections); Goethe, Schiller, and Uhland, Ballads; Compositions.

French. — Grammaire Française de Boniface; Morceaux Choisis de Littérature; Dictations.

History, English Literature, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

SOPHOMORE YEAR.

Mathematics. — Students may drop this course of study after satisfactory examinations in Spherical Trigonometry.

German. — Goethe, Hermann und Dorothea; Paul Heyse, Novellen, (selections); Herder. and Geibel, Poems; Compositions.

French. — History of French Literature of nineteenth century; Selections from Poets and Prose writers of nineteenth century; Advanced Grammar; Exercises in Dictation and Composition.

History, English Literature, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

JUNIOR YEAR.

German. — Schiller, Wallenstein, Part III; Goëthe, Egmont; Lessing, Nathan der Weise, Selections; Compositions.

French. — History of French Literature in seventeenth and eighteenth centuries; Molière, Racine, La Fontaine, and Pascal, Selections; Dictations and Essays.

History, Rhetoric, English Literature. — Same as in General Course.

SENIOR YEAR.

German. — Goethe, Faust; History of German Literature; Compositions.

German, elective. — Middle High German; Der Nibelunge Noth; Early German Literature.

French. — History of the formation of the French Language, and early French Literature; French Translations, Dictations, and Essays. Students will be allowed an election between the study of the Old French and Modern French during the Senior Year.

Mental and Moral Philosophy, History, Essay Writing. — Same as in General Course.

COURSES FOR HONORS IN SCIENCE.

These courses will depend so much upon the tastes and special pursuits of the students that details need not be given here. They will be similar to the other courses in their general character and requirements. The study of Languages and Mathematics will vary according to the special course pursued in science.

SPECIAL STUDENTS.

Candidates eighteen years of age, or over, who cannot enter the College Classes for want of preparation in Latin, will be received as special students and allowed to pursue elective studies in the regular classes under the direction of the Faculty. Such candidates are regarded as exceptional; they must be advanced students, capable of hard study in the selected courses.

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS.

Teachers who wish to pursue special advanced courses in Chemistry can be received in the chemical department. They will be allowed to give their whole time to the study of chemistry and laboratory practice, and will not be otherwise connected with the College. Similar facilities will be given to teachers who wish to pursue advanced studies in Botany.

Certificates will be given by the Faculty to students passing satisfactory examinations in these studies.

DEGREES.

Students who complete the General College Course, will, on the recommendation of the Faculty, receive the degree of A. B.

There will be two classes of degrees. The first class will be indicated by the words "Summa cum laude."

Students who complete the Course for Honors in Classics, Mathematics, Science, or Modern Languages, will on the recommendation of the Faculty receive the degree of A. B.

Honors, if awarded, will be stated in the diploma.

If, on account of interruption, any students are unable to complete the Courses for Honors before graduation, the Faculty, in all proper cases, will allow the studies to be made up in post-graduate courses.

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

Instruction in vocal music will be given to all the students. Lessons in solo singing and in instrumental music will be given to those who desire them.

DRAWING AND PAINTING.

Every student will at some period of the course take lessons in Drawing, unless she has already received sufficient instruction. A large and convenient Art Gallery has been provided. Those who desire to study Painting in Water Colors and Oil can have special instruction. Courses of Lectures on Art will be given.

EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations for 1876 will commence Sept. 6. Candidates for the Freshman Class who desire an earlier examination can be examined June 29 and 30, by giving seasonable notice.

APPLICATIONS.

We cannot too strongly urge upon those who intend to enter Wellesley College to commence preparation immediately, in accordance with this circular. For the Preparatory Department there should be at least two years' preparation; for the Collegiate four years.

Candidates who intend to apply hereafter are advised to join immediately the classes of those who are fitting for college in the ordinary classical courses, and pursue the studies in Greek and Latin.

All applications must be for one year at least, and must state the age, health, and general attainments of the candidates. The number of pupils is limited to three hundred. Those who are qualified to enter the Collegiate Department will receive the preference. Those who apply for the Preparatory Department with the intention of taking the full College Course will be received next in order.

Candidates who wish to become special students, but do not intend to take the General Course, or a Course for Honors, will be received so far as the accommodations of the College will allow, after providing for the other applicants.

Candidates who are unable to enter in September, may register their names as applicants for any vacancies that may occur during the year.

HEALTH OF STUDENTS.

A lady physician will reside in the College, and will have the general care of the health of the students. Lectures on Physiology with special reference to health will be given during the course. A gymnasium has been provided, and Calisthenics will be taught.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

All the regular students will board in the College, and will aid in some of the lighter domestic work of the family. The importance of this will be appreciated by thoughtful parents. This is not a novel experiment. For many years it has been the rule in other similar institutions. While it is not intended to give instruction in the details of domestic work, it is desirable that all should understand and take a practical part in systematic housekeeping. The time thus occupied will be one hour a day, and will not interfere with the hours of study. The economy of this course should not be overlooked. It would be easier to hire a much larger number of servants than we now employ, and bear the expense of their wages and board with the accompanying waste, but it would be necessary, in that case, to make the price for board and tuition nearly double what it now is. This would defeat one great object of the Trustees, which is, to give opportunities for a higher education to young women of moderate means. The success of this plan in the College, lead the Trustees to believe that most young women will cheerfully take their share in easy and useful domestic work, when they understand that they are thus helping, in part at least, to educate themselves. The experience of teachers in the well-known institutions in which this course has been pursued, has proved that the discipline of this domestic work, which unites all in one family as helpers for the common good, is invaluable in its influence upon the moral nature and in its preparation for social life.

EXPENSES.

The price for board and tuition will be $250 per year.

Instruction in solo singing and in instrumental music, also special instruction in painting in water colors, and in oil painting, will be charged extra.

Circulars will be sent when requested.

Persons desiring further information may apply by letter, addressed to

MISS ADA L. HOWARD, *President*,

June 1, 1876. WELLESLEY, MASS.

WANTS OF THE COLLEGE.

The design of Wellesley College is to give deserving students of moderate means the best opportunities for thorough education and true culture. There are, however, many young women of fine talents earnestly desiring to fit themselves for usefulness, who cannot meet even the small expenses of the College.

The public, knowing something of the great cost of the buildings and grounds, will readily see that the Trustees cannot render to such the needed assistance. We earnestly ask that this want may be met by the provision of funds for scholarships. Harvard College has more than one hundred scholarships, and Yale College has an annual income of $6,000 for such purposes. In comparison with young men, young women have few opportunities for helping themselves.

If the present low rates are to be maintained, there must also be funds for endowing professorships. In this respect, it seems just and reasonable that Wellesley College should be placed upon the same firm basis with colleges for young men.

We are in need of a small Astronomical Observatory, of money and books for the Library, of statues, pictures, and other works of art for the Art Gallery, and of specimens of all kinds for the Natural History Cabinet.

FORMS OF BEQUESTS.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Wellesley College the sum of ——— thousand dollars, to be safely invested by them, and called the ——— Scholarship Fund. The interest of this fund shall be applied to aid deserving students in Wellesley College.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Wellesley College the sum of ——— thousand dollars to be safely invested by them, and called the ——— Endowment Fund. The interest shall be applied to the payment of the salaries of teachers in Wellesley College, as the Trustees shall deem expedient.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Wellesley College the sum of ——— thousand dollars, to be used by them in the purchase of books for the Library, of apparatus for the use of the College, or in such other manner as they shall deem expedient.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Wellesley College the sum of ——— thousand dollars, to be safely invested by them, and called the ——— Prize Fund. The interest shall be expended by them in prizes to be given to the students of the College, in such manner as the Trustees shall decide.